Amendments In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, 37 and 39, as follows:

      1.   **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

obtaining a request to provide a **requested** service, wherein

the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and

~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices **are each** ~~is~~ configured to provide **a**

corresponding ~~the~~ service;

selecting ~~identifying~~ **a first** ~~one~~ device of the **plurality of devices** ~~at least one device~~ to

provide the **requested** service; and

converting the request to a second request, wherein

the second request conforms to a second language, and

the **first** ~~one~~ device is configured to provide the **requested** service in response to

receiving the second request.

      2.   **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:

directing the second request to the **first** ~~one~~ device.

      3.   (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein

the first language is a markup language;

the second language is a device-specific language of a plurality of device-specific

languages, wherein

each of the plurality of devices communicates using one of the plurality of device-

specific languages.

      4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein

the request format comprises

at least one instruction, and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein
the request specifies use of a specific feature of a specific device of the plurality of

devices by

specifying an optional variable , and

providing a value for the optional variable;

and

the converting the request to the second request comprises

including the optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request,

and

including the value for the optional variable in the data of the second request,

wherein the optional variable and the value specify use of the specific

feature.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
sending a response to the request.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein
the response format comprises

at least one instruction; and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

9.   (**Currently Amended**) A system comprising:
obtaining means for obtaining a request to provide a **requested** service, wherein

the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and

~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices **are each** [[is]] configured to provide

a corresponding ~~the~~ service;

selecting ~~identifying~~ means for **selecting a first** ~~identifying one~~ device of the **plurality**

of devices ~~at least one device~~ to provide the **requested** service; and

converting means for converting the request to a second request, wherein

the second request conforms to a second language, and

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the **first** ~~one~~ device is configured to provide the **requested** service in response to receiving the second request.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9 further comprising:

directing means for directing the second request to the **first** ~~one~~ device.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10 wherein the request format comprises

at least one instruction, and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11 further comprising:

first including means for including an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request, and

second including means for including a value of the optional variable in the data of the second request, wherein

the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific device of the plurality of devices.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10 further comprising:

sending means for sending a response to the request.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein the response format comprises

at least one instruction; and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium comprising:

obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a **requested** service, wherein

the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, and

~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices **are each** [[is]] configured to provide the **requested** service;

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selecting ~~identifying~~ instructions to **select a first** ~~identify one~~ device of the **plurality of devices** ~~at least one device~~ to provide the **requested** service; and

converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a second language, wherein

the second request conforms to a second language, and

the **first** ~~one~~ device is configured to provide the **requested** service in response to receiving the second request.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:

directing instructions to direct the second request to the **first** ~~one~~ device.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein

the request format comprises

at least one instruction, and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 further comprising:

first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of the second request, and

second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the second request, wherein

the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific device of the plurality of devices.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further comprising:

sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

21. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

22. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 21 wherein the response format comprises

at least one instruction; and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

23. **(Currently Amended)** A computer system comprising:

a processor for executing instructions; ~~and~~

a plurality of devices directly coupled to the computer system, wherein

each device is configured to perform a corresponding service; and

a memory for storing the instructions, wherein

the memory is coupled to the processor, and

the instructions comprise:

obtaining instructions to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein

the request conforms to a request format defined in a first

language, and

at least one device of **the** [[a]] plurality of devices provides the

service;

identifying instructions to identify **a first** ~~one~~ device of the at least one

device to provide the service; and

converting instructions to convert the request to a second request in a

second language, wherein

the second request conforms to a second language, and

the **first** ~~one~~ device is configured to provide the service in

response to receiving the second request.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The computer system of claim 23 wherein the instructions further comprise:

directing instructions to direct the second request to the **first** ~~one~~ device.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the request format comprises

at least one instruction, and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

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26.   (Original) The computer system of claim 25 wherein the instructions further comprise:

first including instructions to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of
the second request, and

second including instructions to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the
second request, wherein

the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific
device of the plurality of devices.

27.   (Original) The computer system of claim 24 wherein the instructions
further comprise:

sending instructions for sending a response to the request.

28.   (Original) The computer system of claim 27 wherein
the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

29.   (Original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein
the response format comprises

at least one instruction; and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

30.   **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:
an obtaining module to obtain a request to provide a service, wherein

the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language, ~~and~~

at least one device of a plurality of devices is configured to provide the service**,**

and

the plurality of devices is directly coupled to the system;

an identifying module to identify **a first** ~~one~~ device of the at least one device to provide
the service; and

a converting module to convert the request to a second request in a second language,
wherein

the second request conforms to a second language, and

the **first** ~~one~~ device is configured to provide the service in response to receiving
the second request.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 30 further comprising:

a directing module to direct the second request to the **first** ~~one~~ device.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31 wherein

the request format comprises

at least one instruction, and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

33. (Original) The system of claim 32 further comprising:

a first including module to include an optional variable in the at least one instruction of

the second request, and

a second including module to include a value of the optional variable in the data of the

second request, wherein

the optional variable and the value specify use of a specific feature of a specific

device of the plurality of devices.

34. (Original) The system of claim 31 further comprising:

a sending module for sending a response to the request.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34 wherein

the response conforms to a response format defined in the first language.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35 wherein

the response format comprises

at least one instruction; and

data to be used when performing the at least one instruction.

37. **(Currently Amended)** An application programming interface

comprising:

a request definition for a first command to provide a request for a **requested** service,

wherein

the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language,

the request format is specified in the request definition,

~~at least one device of~~ a plurality of devices **are each** ~~is~~ configured to provide **a**

corresponding ~~the~~ service,

one device of the **plurality of devices** ~~at least one device~~ is **selected** ~~identified~~ to

provide the **requested** service in response to the first command,

the request is converted to a second request,

the second request conforms to a second language, and

the one device is configured to provide the **requested** service in response to

receiving the second request.

38. (Original) The application programming interface of claim 37 further

comprising:

a response definition for a response format in which a response to the request is provided.

39. **(Currently Amended)** The application programming interface of claim

37 further comprising:

an initialization definition for a second command to initialize prior to providing the

request for the **requested** service.